

CHAPTER 10 SECTION 2.8A

CERTIFIED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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I. ISSUE

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II. POLICY

A. Provider certification criteria follow:

1. The provider must meet education and training requirements as specified in [32 CFR 199.6](#).

2. The provider must be licensed or certified as a marriage and family therapist.

a. If licensure/certification is offered by the jurisdiction in which the provider is practicing, it is required in all cases, even if the jurisdiction offers it on an optional basis. Contractors must verify licensure/certification rules for jurisdictions not included below. The following jurisdictions provide licensure or certification for marriage and family therapists:

Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Nebraska

Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New Mexico
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Oregon
Rhode Island
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Vermont
Washington
Wisconsin
Wyoming

or

b. In jurisdictions that do not offer specific licensure or certification for marriage and family therapists, the provider must be certified or be eligible for full clinical membership in, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), the national association that sets standards for the profession. If a provider is eligible for full clinical membership in the AAMFT but is not a member, he/she must submit documentation obtained from the AAMFT of such eligibility. The provider must agree that a patients' organic medical problems must receive appropriate concurrent management by a physician.

c. The provider must enter into a participation agreement with the TRICARE/CHAMPUS.

III. EXCLUSION

Associate members or student members of the AAMFT are not eligible for consideration as authorized certified marriage and family therapists.

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